announced payment of Rs. 1 lakh to next of kith and kin of each of the deceased and Rs. 10,000/- to each family whose houses have been burnt down. The Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 25 crores for rehabilitation of persons affected by the ethnic violence.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRE QUESTIONS

मझगांव डॉक द्वारा क्रय आदेश

1509. श्री हरमोहन सिंह यादव:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मझगांव डॉक लिमिटेड को नौसेना अथवा किसी अन्य देश से पनडुब्बी निर्माण हेतु कोई क्रय आदेश प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान अब तक किन-किन क्रेताओं से कितने क्रय आदेश प्राप्त हुए हैं?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडीज): (क) से (ग) भारतीय नौसेना से प्राप्त आर्डर के आधार पर मझगांव डॉक लिमिटेड ने विगत में दो पनडुब्बियों का निर्माण किया है। भारतीय नौसेना ने दो पनडुब्बियों के निर्माण के लिए मझगांव डाक लिमिटेड को फरवरी 1997 में एक आशय पत्र भेजा है। पनडुब्बियों के निर्माण के लिए किसी भी अन्य देश ने मझगांव डॉक लिमिटेड को कोई आर्डर नहीं दिया है।

Down-sizing the Army

1510. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence modernisation programmes are facing resource crunch due to lack of funds;

(b) whether it has been decided to cut troop strength in the Army by 50,000 to save money; and

(c) if so, how the operational efficiency in Army will be maintained by down-sizing the Army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Defence modernisation programme is an ongoing process within the parameters of available resouces and defence priorities. Funds are made available for prioritised defence modernisation programmes from within the allocated budget for this purpose.

(b) It is planned to cut down the troop strength in the Army by about 50,000 personnel in a phased manner. The financial savings accruing from this process will help offset in part of costs of defence modernisation programmes.

(c) The Government is committed to maintain operational efficiency in the Army by optimal utilisation of all available human and material resources.

'Kaveri' engines for 'LCA'

1511. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a defence project for making 'Kaveri' engines for the Light Combat Aircraft has reached an advanced stage of development and two such engines are proposed to be taken to Russia for final testing;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) the extent to which it would be an import substitution?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kaveri project envisages development of a state-of-the-art engine incorporating flat rated design concept and advanced electronic fuel control system. Three prototypes have been fabricated and are undergoing extensive evaluation.

(c) On successful completion, the Country would not need to import this class of engines.